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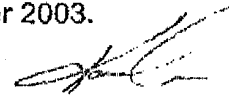
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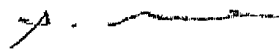
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This is in reply to the Office Communication dated 18 August 2003.

Please refer to the attached page titled REMARKS.

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REMARKS

responsive to Communication dated 18 August 2003

The Communication contends that the Reply filed 11 June 2003 was non-responsive, in that the Reply fails to respond to the rejections of claims 9 and 10.


Claim 9 was rejected on a the PTO's supposedly obvious combination of the reference Roslonski with the combination of Christy+Burnham+McMahon which was used to reject claim 1.

The Reply did address, in some detail, the allegations as to the obviousness of the Christy+Burnham+McMahon combination as applied to claim 1.

Claim 9 depends on claim 1. Given that the Christy+Burnham+McMahon combination as applied to claim 1 is not obvious, the Christy+Burnham+McMahon + Roslonski combination as applied to claim 9 cannot be obvious either.

The same point may be applied in respect of claim 10.

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